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## UPPER RIVER MEN HAVE ORGANIZED

Upper James River Valley  
League Now a Per-  
manent Body.

## GOVERNOR AND OTHERS SPEAK

Object of League to Combine  
People for General Good and  
Let the World Know of  
Wealth and Possi-  
bilities of Upper  
James Country.

The men of the counties which are  
washed by the waters of the Upper  
James believe that Virginia is the  
finest State in the world and that they  
live in the very best part of Vir-  
ginia. And yet they realize, and have  
for a long time realized, that the out-  
side world knows next to nothing of  
the beauty and grandeur of the val-  
ley of the Upper James; of the fer-  
tility of the soil; of the wealth of  
the minerals of the possibilities of  
the water power.

A systematic effort to furnish the  
world with information along these  
lines and do all else that is necessary  
to bring that valley to the plane of  
greatness which its varied advan-  
tages entitle it to, was started six  
weeks ago, when The Upper James  
River Valley League was organized.  
That organization was temporary  
only, and yesterday was the day set  
apart for the first annual meeting and  
the completion of the permanent or-  
ganization. The meeting, which was  
held in the hall of the House of Dele-  
gates, was well attended by repre-  
sentative farmers and owners of the  
fertile lands of the upper valley coun-  
ties. Much enthusiasm was manifest-  
ed and the permanent organization  
was perfected without a hitch by the  
adoption of a constitution and the  
election of permanent officers.

**Stirring Speeches.**  
Short addresses were made by Gov-  
ernor Swanson, Hon. Henry C. Stuart,  
of the State Corporation Commission  
and president of the Virginia State  
Fair, an Hon. G. W. Kolner, Com-  
missioner of Agriculture, all of whom  
heartily endorsed the objects of the  
League and made practical sugges-  
tions in advocacy of organization among  
farmers for the advancement of the  
interests of Virginia and the upbuild-  
ing of the waste places.

President Grant, of the league, was  
a rather enthusiastic speaker, and  
also Hon. P. W. Harden, ex-attorney-  
general of Kentucky, and the owner  
of some of the rich James River lands,  
and Captain R. F. Vaughan, of West  
Virginia. Many new names were  
added to the list of members, and the  
first annual meeting of the league  
was in all respects a success, even  
beyond the hopes of its original pro-  
moters. There was no business con-  
siderable, as the organization is not  
old enough yet to have accumulated  
any. In due time the standing com-  
mittees will provide business, and the  
league will have a plenty of good  
work to do.

**Proceedings in Detail.**  
The first annual session of the Upper  
James River Valley League was called  
to order in the House of Delegates  
in the State Capitol at 11 o'clock yester-  
day morning by the temporary  
chairman, Mr. Walter E. Grant, of Hen-  
rico county. Prayer was offered by  
Rev. Martin Johnson, a member of the  
League. Just at the conclusion of the  
prayer, Governor Swanson, Hon. H. C.  
Stuart and Hon. George W. Kolner  
were escorted to the rostrum and in-  
troduced by the president. The gen-  
tlemen were received with applause.

**The President Speaking.**  
President Grant in his opening re-  
marks briefly outlined the aims and  
objects of the league and its history  
to far. He said:

"Blessed with a fertile soil, much of  
it of absolutely inexhaustible fertility,  
we see too large a part of it growing up  
in weeds and brush. We have  
abundant coal fields not mined, while  
coal is being hauled to us at heavy  
freight rates from the Alleghany  
Mountains, much of it being burned on  
the ground underlaid with superior  
coal in rich veins.

There are thousands of horsepower  
in James River water going to waste,  
a waterpower which if situated at some  
other points would be used in turning  
the wheels of hundreds, even thou-  
sands of factories. We are the owners  
in part of the world's greatest sec-  
tion of country, and yet have not been  
using it as we should. It is needless to  
ask what we have or have not been do-  
ing with it. The living question is what  
are we going to do with it. With fairly  
good transportation facilities that  
are susceptible of great improvement,  
with the best water in the world, with  
healthfulness unsurpassed, with build-  
ing material growing on the hills the pos-  
sibilities are beyond calculation. That  
a title at least of these possibilities  
may be brought to pass, we need  
a systematic effort and systematic or-  
ganization. Realizing this need the Upper  
James River Valley League has been  
temporarily organized and we are here  
to-day to make the organization per-  
manent and to get down to business.

**Constitution and By-Laws.**

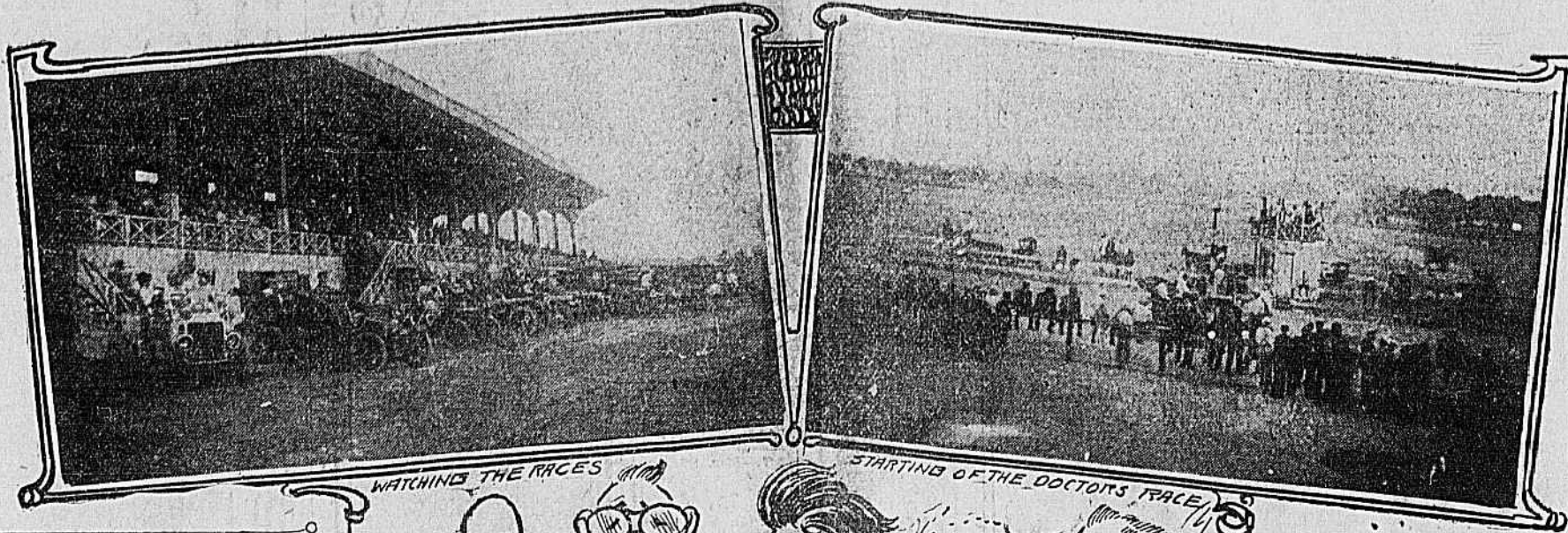
Judge Wickham, of the committee  
appointed to draft a constitution and  
by-laws read the report of the com-  
mittee submitting the constitution.  
Among other things the law provides  
that any white person or land owner  
living in the counties of the upper  
James River may become a member of  
the league on the payment of an in-  
itiation fee of \$1.

Action on the report was suspended  
to hear from the invited speakers.

**The Governor's Address.**  
Governor Swanson was introduced,  
and made what was perhaps as stirring  
an address as any he has made in this  
season of much speaking on his part.  
In the outset the Governor pledged his  
earnest personal and official support to  
the work outlined in the code of laws  
just adopted for the league. He de-  
clared that Virginia is the finest agri-  
cultural country in the world, producing  
somewhere within its borders  
everything grown in the temperate  
zone, from cotton in the Southside, to

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## SCENES AT AUTOMOBILE RACES HELD YESTERDAY AT FAIR GROUNDS



## FOUR PERSONS ARE GROUND TO BITS

Fast Special Train Strikes  
Carriage, Killing Occu-  
pants and Team.

## AUTO COLLIDES WITH A BRIDGE

Machine Was Racing on Wager  
When Crash Occurs, Killing  
Two and Injuring Two.  
Eleven Killed in  
German Rail-  
way Wreck.

**ALLENHURST, N. Y., August 7.**—Four persons, employees of the Norwood House, were instantly killed to-night when their carriage was run down by a Pennsylvania passenger flyer, known as the Bankers' Special, at the Corlies Avenue crossing here. They were Thomas Edwards, a driver, and Loretta Grace, Jennie McDonald and Hannah Murphy, waitresses. The Corlies crossing is just south of the local station of the New York and Long Branch Railroad, and the station platform was crowded with summer visitors, who witnessed the accident.

Edwards had stopped his team at the crossing, where an excursion train, drawn up at the station, blocked the road. As the excursion train drew out, Edwards started his horses, and the carriage was squarely on the rails when the flyer, southbound, and the approach of which had been hidden by the oppositely moving special, tore across the roadway. Horses, carriage and occupants were ground to bits, the bodies of Edwards and the women being frightfully mangled.

**Prightful Auto Accident.**  
**MILWAUKEE, WIS., August 7.**—A race between two big automobiles from Milwaukee and Okauchee, a distance of about twenty-five miles, with a sup-  
ply of \$25 as the stakes, to-day re-  
sulted in a frightful accident to one  
of the cars and the death of two of its  
occupants and the painful, though not  
fatal, injury of two others. The ma-  
chine collided with a bridge over Elm  
street, ten miles west of Milwaukee.  
The wrecked car was owned by Alder-  
man John Koerner, while Frank Mar-  
den owns the other machine, which  
reached its destination in safety.

The dead: Former Alderman Joseph  
Kuchelberg, George Post, chauffeur,  
of Milwaukee; Horace Greely Sloan,  
of Milwaukee, son of a former Milwaukee  
judge; Paddy Dorrell, saloonkeeper.

The four men were in an automobile  
owned by Alderman Koerner, of Mil-  
waukee. Koerner, however, was in an-  
other machine, which was leading the  
way on the trip.

It is supposed that the steering  
gear of the Koerner machine became  
jammed. The four occupants of the  
machine were pinned under the  
heavy car when it overturned.

**Train Wrecked and Burned.**  
**BERLIN, August 7.**—A passenger  
train was derailed last night between  
Posen and Thorn. The two engines  
were overturned and three cars de-  
molished. The official report says  
that eleven persons were killed and  
that ten were injured.

Among the dead are Prince Alexan-  
der Bogotoff, two sons of Count Key-  
serlingk, of Mitau, Russia, and a Rus-  
sian captain, who was accompanying  
them.

According to official information,  
the casualties are confined to Rus-  
sians, Poles and Germans. Several  
survivors who have been rescued have  
been taken to the overturned cars caught  
fire and that terrible scenes ensued.  
Many of the passengers escaped with difficulty.

## NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN MISSING

Mrs. Charlotte Hayes's Baggage  
Reaches Boston, But She  
Has Disappeared.

**BOSTON, MASS., August 7.**—Police  
are searching the city and surround-  
ing territory for Mrs. Charlotte Hayes,  
fifty-five years of age, of Fayetteville,  
N. C., who started for this city last  
week to celebrate old home week  
with her friend, Mrs. Lina Smith, of  
Concord Place. Her baggage has ar-  
rived, but there is no trace of Mrs.  
Hayes. Mrs. Smith is certain that  
Mrs. Hayes reached this city on the  
Federal Express a week ago to-day,  
and was lost in the crowd at the  
south terminal. Mrs. Smith was there  
to meet her, but did not locate her,  
and later that day Mrs. Hayes's bag-  
gage reached Mrs. Smith's home. Mrs.  
Hayes was in poor health, and had  
never been in a large city before.

## HORRIBLE DEATH OF YOUNG WOMAN

Automobile Strikes Pole in Road  
and She is Thrown Out,  
Crushing Skull.

## ARREST TWO YOUNG MEN CAME AS GREAT SURPRISE

Great Indignation Felt at Win-  
chester, Where Miss Bush-  
nell is Most Popular.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
**WINCHESTER, VA., August 7.**—As  
the result of an obstruction purposely  
placed on the road, Miss May Bushnell,  
daughter of the late Benjamin Bushnell,  
and a member of one of Winchester's  
oldest and most prominent families,  
was thrown from an automobile in  
which she was riding with friends last  
night, and sustained injuries which  
caused her death a few hours later.

**Arrested for Causing Death.**  
Two young men, Annie Locke, aged  
sixteen, son of C. B. Locke, of near  
Berryville, and Ernest Simmons, aged  
twenty, employed on Mr. Locke's farm,  
are in the Berryville jail, charged with  
deliberately placing the obstruction  
on the road and causing Miss Bushnell's  
death.

Mr. Jack Hardesty, of this city, had  
taken Miss Bushnell and her friend,  
Miss Camilla Rutherford, at whose  
home, near Berryville, she was visiting,  
for a ride in his big car. The party  
went to Berryville, and was on the re-  
turn trip about 10 o'clock, when the  
automobile, running at a rapid rate  
on the fine stretch of road near the Ber-  
ryville Horse Show Grounds, struck the  
obstruction, which consisted of a heavy  
gatepost, placed at right angles over  
the road. Miss Bushnell was thrown  
violently to the ground, and her skull  
crushed. She was removed to Dr. A.  
E. Tucker's hospital, at Berryville,  
where she died at 2 A. M., without re-  
gaining consciousness.

The other members of the party es-  
caped with a severe shaking up.

**Great Indignation Aroused.**  
Sheriff William W. Smallwood, of  
Clarke county, immediately began an  
investigation, assisted by officers from  
Winchester, and the arrests quickly  
followed. Indignation ran high here  
for a while and there was talk of met-  
ing out severe punishment to the mis-  
creants, but the authorities are of the  
opinion that the young men, if guilty,  
did not realize that their foolish act  
would result so tragically.

Miss Bushnell was twenty-seven  
years of age, a member of the choir  
of Grace Lutheran Church, Winchester.  
Her untimely end has cast a gloom  
over the entire city. The Berryville  
Pike, on which the tragedy occurred, is  
on the direct route of the Gladden tour-  
ists from New York to the Jamestown  
Exposition. It is said that several pri-  
vate attempts have been made to  
wreck automobiles in the same vicinity  
recently.

**PUT FLOWERS ON  
LOVER'S GRAVE**

Young Man Killed Himself Be-  
cause Girl's Mother Objects  
to Wedding.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
**SUFFOLK, VA., August 7.**—Rever-  
ing the loss of her lover, the young  
woman who was engaged to marry the  
man who killed himself yesterday in-  
sisted and won out as to the place of  
burial. A Windsor undertaker was  
engaged, but there was no trace of the  
relatives wished him buried at the same  
place. The bride-elect came in and  
said she must be buried here. She  
said she wanted to put flowers on his  
grave. For that reason the young man  
was interred here yesterday. He  
killed himself yesterday because of  
troubles in his love affair. The girl  
was all right, but her mother's ob-  
jection prevented.

## CAPT. ROPER GIVES \$10,000 TO HOME

Norfolk Man Starts Fund to  
Help Young Girls of Vir-  
ginia.

## MADE HIMSELF OBNOXIOUS BY NORFOLK WOMAN

As the Carmania Steams Into  
Port Plucky Virginia Wo-  
man Hands Him One.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
**NEW YORK, August 7.**—There was  
one disgruntled Briton in the first  
cabin of the Cunard liner Carmania  
when it steamed into port to-day, for  
while his sense of humor from an  
American standpoint is not over-  
great, he has been taught that the  
United States is very much more ex-  
pensive.

When the Carmania left Liverpool  
the Englishman began to make him-  
self obnoxious to women passengers.  
He was soon classified as a "trans-  
continental masher," and shunned by  
all. Mrs. H. O. Jackson, of Norfolk,  
Va., who was returning to this coun-  
try with her husband, was made a  
special object of his attention. Mr.  
Jackson wanted to thrash him for  
annoying his wife, but Mrs. Jackson,  
not desiring any trouble on the boat,  
pleaded that he be let alone. When  
the boat arrived off Sandy Hook,  
Mrs. Jackson beckoned to the Briton,  
and, hailing, said: "Please accept  
this little souvenir as a token of my  
regard for your attention on the voy-  
age." The Englishman smiled and  
put out his hand to receive Mrs. Jack-  
son's gift—a lemon.

Word had been passed around  
through the first cabin that some-  
thing was about to happen, and the  
hundred passengers, who had grouped  
themselves around the parties, howled  
with joy. The masher stood all alone  
in a conspicuous position on the deck,  
holding the lemon in plain sight, and  
wondering what it was all about. For  
fully a minute he made a spectacle of  
himself and then the import of the  
hint struck him. He rushed to his  
stateroom, and did not appear again  
until it was time to leave the ship at  
his pier.

**NORFOLK, VA., August 7.**—Mrs. H. O.  
Jackson is the wife of a capitalist, financier  
and promoter. They came here about two  
years ago.

**WAS MURDERED  
FOR HER JEWELS**

This is the Theory as to The  
Death of Therese Williams,  
Whose Body Was Mutilated.

**MONTE CARLO, August 7.**—The evi-  
dence secured here indicates that  
Therese Williams, parts of whose body  
were found in a trunk and in a valise  
at Marseilles, and who was a well-  
known frequenter of the gaming tables  
here, was murdered for her jewels.

Mr. and Mrs. Chad, who are English,  
and who owned the trunk and valise,  
will be extradited from Marseilles to  
Monte Carlo and will be tried here.

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of two new men following senators who  
were re-elected and died within a  
month of each other, all four of them  
nominated by the people.

## GOVERNOR COMER STILL STANDS PAT

Alabama Governor Shows  
no Sign of Weaken-  
ing in Fight.

## LEGISLATURE IS STANDING BY HIM

Conference Between Col. Russell  
and Governor Comer in  
Southern Railway Mat-  
ter Appears to Have  
Been Barren of  
Results.

**MONTGOMERY, ALA., August 7.**—  
Vice-President E. L. Russell, of the  
Mobile and Ohio, representing Presi-  
dent Finley, of the Southern Railway,  
and Attorney Wether, of Birmingham,  
continued their conference with  
Governor Comer to-day regarding the  
controversy between the State of Ala-  
bama and the Southern Railway. That  
it was not the intention of the officers  
of the Southern Railway to defy the  
State of Alabama is borne out by state-  
ments made by Vice-President Russell.  
He declared that the removal of the  
case from the State to the Federal  
court was in regular order of business  
and that it was not so removed in-  
time to come under the provisions of  
the new law.

[Railway officials discuss with con-  
cern the finding of an indictment at  
Marion, Ala., yesterday, fearing that  
it may cause complications. The South-  
ern was indicted for violating the  
law in doing business without a  
license.

**No Weakening by Comer.**  
Governor Comer, at the conclusion  
of the morning session of the confer-  
ence, gave out a statement, in which  
he says he is standing out for the two  
and a half cent fare bill, saying: "Every  
time a ticket is sold for more than two  
cents and a half cents a mile the roads vi-  
olate the law, and the person selling the  
ticket commits a misdemeanor. It is  
the duty of every court to so charge  
the jury, and the duty of every solici-  
tor to make a case for the State."  
Colonel Russell, that with his reputa-  
tion for fairness, I shall expect him to  
realize and concede that the railroads  
must obey the laws the same as any  
other person."

With reference to the removal of the  
case from the Talladega court to the  
Federal court, over which the license  
of the Southern was revoked, and  
which the railroad people admit was  
hasty and not intended, the Governor  
says: "The administration understands  
that the offense was committed against  
the State laws by the removal of the  
suit, regardless of the motive prompt-  
ing it. The laws are made for all alike  
and to be observed by all and enforced  
by the administration impartially."

It is given out by members of the  
Legislature that if an extra session is  
called the members will stand solidly  
behind the Governor in his fight. The  
evident intention of the Governor to  
hold that the passenger fare law which  
has been enjoined by the United States  
court is being violated, and to en-  
force the law, is a startling revelation  
of a possibility of conflict between the  
State and the Federal courts, even to  
a greater extent than was thought.

**Western Reads Copy.**  
**LANSING, MICH., August 7.**—The  
State railroad commissioner's depart-  
ment has received letters from the  
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## AUTO SKIDS INTO POST IN FAST RACE

Machine, a Ford Car, Bad-  
ly Wrecked and Driver  
Painfully Injured.

## TERRIFIC PACE OF RUNABOUTS

Auto Races at Fair Grounds  
Course Attract Large Audi-  
ence and Afford Some  
Thrilling Sport—Ford  
Runabout Wins in  
Fastest Time.

The series of automobile races at the  
State Fair Grounds yesterday, under  
the auspices of the Richmond Auto-  
mobile Club, for the benefit of the Home  
for Incurables, attracted a crowd of  
about 2,500 people to the track netted  
a snug sum for the local charity, and  
furnished some excellent sport. Five  
races were run, but owing to the  
scratching of some of the entries and  
the premature starting of one or more  
races, there were fewer competitors  
than the race card indicated.

The sport is a novel one in Rich-  
mond, and was a decided success from  
a popular standpoint. The running  
was terrific in several of the races,  
and notably in the runabout contest,  
which was won in 6 minutes 48 sec-  
onds, or an average for the mile of  
one minute and twenty-one seconds  
on an oval track. In the race for all  
at least one participant ran about the  
same time. The fact that the contest  
between runabouts was the fastest of  
the day was a surprise, it being ex-  
pected that the free-for-all would pro-  
duce the best speed record and the  
most thrilling race.

The only accident of the day occur-  
ed in the free-for-all race. The Ford  
four-cylinder, fifteen-horsepower car,  
owned by the Virginia Automobile  
Company, and driven by Howard B.  
Van Lear, of Salem, N. J., veered into  
the fence on the fourth lap when just  
beyond the three-quarter pole, badly  
damaging the machine and throwing  
young Van Lear out. Assistance was  
immediately tendered, the injured  
being taken to the physicians present, and  
he was brought to the paddock near  
the grandstand. Examination devel-  
oped the fact that his injuries were  
not serious, consisting of a bad bruise  
on the back just over the left kidney,  
and two scratches on the face. The  
machine was splintered at a furious  
clip when the wreck occurred. Van  
Lear, in talking of the occurrence af-  
terwards, said:

"The dust was blinding and I was  
unable to see the fence distinctly. In  
rounding the turn the rear wheel on  
the left skidded and caught in the  
post, and I was thrown out."

**Machine Rips Up Seven Poles.**

The impact of the cars was so great  
that seven poles were broken off be-  
fore the machine's impetus was stop-  
ped. The machine, which was valued  
at about \$600, was badly wrecked, the  
superstructure or body being smashed  
and the rear axle twisted and bent.

It is far from a total wreck, how-  
ever. The young man, Van Lear, escaped  
being dashed to his death in inex-  
plorable to the spectators. This was the  
only mishap to mar the sport, and it  
was comparatively slight.

Of the five races run, the first brought  
out five runabouts, and really afforded  
the fastest race. The cars in the race  
were a Buick two-cylinder, twenty-two  
horsepower machine, owned by the  
Motor Transfer Company, and driven  
by C. C. Coddington; two Ford four-  
cylinder machines, owned by the  
Virginia Automobile Company; a  
Maxwell two-cylinder, twelve-horse-  
power machine, owned by S. Stagg,  
and a Cadillac single-cylinder machine.

**Fastest Race of Day.**

Immediately following the shot the  
two Ford machines forged to the front  
and made the pace, never losing the  
lead in the furious five-mile sprint. No  
7 closely following No. 1. The Buick  
finished third, about three furlongs be-  
hind the winner, while the Cadillac  
bringing up the rear. The Ford ma-  
chine never swerved nor abated its  
speed, and was a splendidly condi-  
tioned piece of machinery could  
move. The race was a procession from  
the start. Time: First, 6:18; second,  
6:55; third, 7:48.

The second race, five miles, for tour-  
ing cars costing \$500 and under, was  
brought out by a Buick two-cylinder  
Autocar four-cylinder, thirty-horse-  
power, \$3,000 machine, owned by the  
Motor Transfer Company and driven  
by William C. Lipscombe; and a White  
Steamer of twenty-horsepower, 1906  
model P. Another White Steamer failed  
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driven by W. C. Lipscombe. The two  
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mile, where it was leading by over  
200 yards.

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mile and a half post. The Buick be-  
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beautiful one to the second mile, when  
the Franklin leading by a scant 100  
yards. Around and around the two  
machines moved like the wind, con-

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